

Beyond the Bench XV: Engaging Communities

December 8–10, 2004

Tentative Agenda

Additional speakers continue to be confirmed. Check back for updated agenda.

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

Special Symposium

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Basic Dependency Law for Attorneys** (designed to assist attorneys in meeting the initial training requirements of rule 1438 of the California Rules of Court; eight hours of Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit available)
Moderator: Patty Fitzsimmons, Attorney, AOC, Center for Families, Children & the Courts
Janet G. Sherwood, Attorney, Marin County
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Youth Training** (by local invitation only)
For the first time, the conference will include a program just for young people who are in the juvenile court system. An invited group of youth from the host county will attend an interactive session facilitated by one of the nation's leading youth workers.
Michael Pritchard, youth counselor and activist, former probation officer, humorist, actor
- 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.** **Taking Restorative Justice to the Next Level in California**
How do we take restorative justice to the next level? What is holding us back from moving to a restorative justice system? This event will explore common obstacles to the implementation and enhancement of restorative practices, such as stakeholder buy-in and education, spreading the movement, and the restorative justice continuum (from front end to reentry). This interactive workshop, specifically designed for those practicing restorative justice, will provide participants the opportunity to learn from peers, engage in dialogue with leading national experts, and brainstorm solutions to the complex problems facing practitioners.
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** **OPENING DINNER: The Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care: Recommendations for Reform**
Moderator: Miriam Aroni Krinsky, Executive Director, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles
Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Santa Clara County
Hon. Nancy Salyers (Ret.), Co-director, Fostering Results; former judge, juvenile court, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois
William C. Vickrey, Administrative Director of the Courts; Member, Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care

Thursday, December 9, 2004

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.** **Registration** (continental breakfast)
- 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.** **Welcome**
Seminar: What Is a Family? An Exploration of Parentage Issues
New birthing technologies, surrogate parents, same sex parents—these are just a few of the 21st century issues that have made legal determinations of who is a parent and what is a family more complicated. Juvenile and family courts have to deal with these issues and attempt to answer these questions every day. The AOC has joined with Fred Friendly Seminars to explore these issues through one of its famous roundtable seminars. A skilled and experienced moderator will use a Socratic method to lead a panel of state and national experts in a hypothetical case that raises many of these issues. The resulting discussion is sure to be both fascinating and provocative. Watch this Web site in the coming weeks for confirmation of the panelists and moderator for this important session.
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** **Lunch and Plenary Session: The Importance of the Juvenile Court**
Hon. Kathleen Anne Blatz, Chief Justice of State Courts, Supreme Court of Minnesota
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** **Workshop I** ([see below for workshop titles and faculty](#))
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.** **Workshops II** ([see below for workshop titles and faculty](#))
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.** **Special Event: JUVIES**
Presentation of the award-winning documentary by and about incarcerated youth in the adult court system, with narration by **Mark Wahlberg** and poetry reading by **Mos Def**. A conversation with filmmaker **Leslie Neale** follows the showing.
(snacks and refreshments provided)
- Dinner on Your Own** (restaurant guide provided)

Friday, December 10, 2004

- 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.** **Welcome**
Larry Bolton, Acting Director, California Department of Social Services
Plenary Session: Juvenile Justice – A New Opportunity for California
Fight Crime: Invest in Kids
Moderator: *Barrie Becker, State Director, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California*
or Jason Ziedenberg, Senior Policy Advisor, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids California
Curtis Hill, Sheriff, San Benito County
Kurt Kumli, Deputy District Attorney, Santa Clara County
Winston Peters, Bureau Chief, Los Angeles County Public Defenders Office
- 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.** **Break** (hotel checkout)
- 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.** **Workshops III** ([see below for workshop titles and faculty](#))
- 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.** **Lunch and Plenary Session: Restorative Justice and Peacemaking**
Hon. Robert Yazzie, former Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation Supreme Court
- 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.** **Workshop IV** ([see below for workshop titles and faculty](#))
- 3:00 p.m.** **End** (Pick up attendance and continuing education certificates.)

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Workshop I

I A Important Immigration Issues in Juvenile Court

Gabriela Ruiz, Staff Attorney, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco
Abigail Trillin, Managing Attorney, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco

I B Shared Decision Making Between Child Protective Services and Law Enforcement

Moderator: *Ken Borelli, Deputy Director, Department of Family and Children Services, Santa Clara County Social Services*
Jorge Gonzalez, Child Welfare Program Manager, Santa Clara County Social Services
David Kenneller, Captain, San Jose Police Department
Linda Wong Kerberg, Assistant Deputy Director, Office of Violence Prevention, San Diego Health and Human Services Agency

I C Mediation in Child Protection Cases: Improving Outcomes for Children and Families

Moderator: *Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Santa Clara County*
Elizabeth Dunn, Program Director, Juvenile Court Mediation, Superior Court of Alameda County
Kim Harmon, Manager, Dependency Mediation, San Francisco Unified Family Court
Sam Jenkins, Mediator, Investigator, Superior Court of Kern County
Honora R. Miller, Coordinator, Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program, Superior Court of San Mateo County
Megan G. Orlando, Director, Juvenile Dependency Mediation Services, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

I D “The Times, They Are a Changin’”—Crawford v. Washington and Other Important Developments in the Law of Evidence Affecting Children

John E.B. Myers, Professor of Law, McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific, Sacramento

I E TBD

I F Linking the Courts and Schools to Prevent Violence

Hon. Dean Thomas Stout, Judge, Superior Court of Inyo County

I G The Hundredth Monkey Phenomenon—How Institutions Change

Mark Carey, former deputy commissioner, Minnesota Department of Corrections; president-elect of the American Probation and Parole Association (invited)

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Break

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Workshops II

II A Education Issues and New Laws—Roles and Responsibilities of Courts, Child Welfare, Probation, Schools, Advocates, and Others

Moderator: *Leslie Starr Heimov, Special Projects Director, Children’s Law Center of Los Angeles*
Ana Espana, Supervising Attorney, San Diego Department of the Public Defender
Tracey Fried, Foster Youth Services Coordinator, San Diego County Office of Education
Patricia Matesic, Education Initiative Program Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Sara Woodward, Staff Attorney, National Center for Youth Law

II B Strengthening Families: Evidence-Based Training for the Whole Family

Karol Kumpfer, Department of Health Promotion and Education, University of Utah
Rosemary Tisch, Prevention Partnership International

II C Permanence and Lifelong Connections for Youth in Foster Care—Implementing Assembly Bill 408 and Other New Approaches

Moderator: *Lisa Mandel, Law Firm Director, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles*
Pat Reynolds-Harris, Director, California Permanency for Youth Project
Emancipated youth

II D Eliminating Unintended Bias in Systems Serving Families and Children

Kathleen Sikora, former senior attorney, AOC, Education Division/Center for Judicial Education and Research

II E Effective Representation of Children in Juvenile Delinquency Court

Catherine Brennan, Deputy Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, Monterey County
Sherry Gold, Attorney, Los Angeles County Alternate Public Defender
Hon. Michael Nash, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Los Angeles County

II F Utilizing Public-Private Partnerships: A Community Collaborative That Works to Reduce Recidivism

II G Child and Family Services Review—Lessons Learned and Implications for Practice

Moderator: *Hon. Patricia Bresee, Commissioner (Ret.), Superior Court of San Mateo County*
Wes Beers, Branch Chief, California Department of Social Services
Jerry Milner, Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (invited)

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III A Juvenile Law Update—Important Cases and Statutes

Hon. Patricia Bresee, Commissioner (Ret.), Superior Court of San Mateo County

III B Exploring the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Youth in Out-of-Home Care

Van Lam, Social Worker, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco
Shannan Wilber, Executive Director, Legal Services for Children, San Francisco

III C Court Appointed Special Advocates' Role in Court

III D Writs and Appeals in Juvenile Dependency Cases

Donna Furth, Attorney, San Francisco County
Janet G. Sherwood, Attorney, Marin County

III E Engaging the Media and the Community in Enhancing Public Awareness of the Foster Care System

Moderator: *Miriam Aroni Krinsky, Executive Director, Children's Law Center of Los Angeles*
Patty Fisher, Editorial Writer, San Jose Mercury News
Louise Grasmehr, Communications Director, Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services
Gina Russo, Director of Communications, The Pew Commission on Children in Foster Care

III F Wraparound—An Evidence-Based Approach That Works

*David Arredondo, Medical Director, Office of Child Development, Neuropsychiatry, and Mental Health,
Eastfield Ming Quong Children and Family Services, San Jose*

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

III G Victims in Juvenile Court

Harold Boscovich, Director, District Attorney's Office, Victim-Witness Assistance Division, Alameda County

Hon. Lois Haight, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Contra Costa County

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Workshop IV

IV A Dependent? Ward? Both?: Implementing AB 129

Hon. Leonard P. Edwards, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Santa Clara County

Robert Schwartz, Executive Director, Juvenile Law Center, Philadelphia

IV B The Indian Child Welfare Act: Where Should We Go From Here?

Moderator: Christopher N. Wu, Supervising Attorney, AOC, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Raquelle Myers, Attorney, National Indian Justice Center

Gary Seiser, Senior Deputy County Counsel, San Diego County Counsel's Office

IV C Alternate Models for Providing Legal Services to Children and Parents—The AOC's DRAFT Program

Diane Nunn, Director, AOC, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Marvin Ventrell, Executive Director, National Association of Counsel for Children, Denver

Leah Wilson, Supervising Analyst, AOC, Center for Families, Children & the Courts

IV D Involving Caregivers, Parents, and Children in Case Planning

Regina Deihl, Executive Director, Legal Advocates for Permanent Parenting

IV E The Challenges of Juvenile Reentry: The Harlem Juvenile Reentry Network

Moderator: Alfred Siegel, Deputy Director, Center for Court Innovation

Charles Drake, Senior Counselor, New York State Office of Children and Family Service

Felipe Franco, Director, Reentry and Aftercare Services, Children's Aid Society

Christopher Watler, Judicial Hearing Officer, Harlem Juvenile Reentry Court

IV F The Nexus Between Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

Martha Matthews, Clinical Professor, University of Southern California School of Law

IV G One Child, One Therapist, For as Long as it Takes: Engaging the Private Sector in Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Foster Children and Families

*Toni Vaughn Heineman, Founder and Executive Director; A Home Within; Associate Clinical Professor in
Pediatrics and Psychiatry, University of California at San Francisco*

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